

ASH WEDNESDAY(A,B,C) 14th February 2024

Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)
Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
Remind everyone that there will be refreshments ? ? ? ?
Announce the theme of the liturgy (see next)*

Theme – **FASTING, PRAYER & ALMS-GIVING**

*leader: We gather to prepare for the next stage
of our journey as disciples of Jesus.
Alms-giving, prayer and fasting,
undertaken with joy, are signs that we are prepared
to take seriously this part of our journey.
Today's readings help us to actively hope, wait and anticipate.
We believe a promised newness
will bring all creation under God's reigning:
the land; animals; the water supply and the people.
All will be blessed and be a source of praise to God.
The readings announce a profound new,
hope-filled social, economic and religious transformation.
That's in sharp contrast with our present failing world.
(Announce the opening hymn:)*

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ☩ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose table we share,
be with us:*

or

Good evening/morning and the Lord be with you:

or

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord,
be with you all:*

or

*Citizens with the saints and members of God's household, grace and
peace be with you:*

*all: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Rite (omitted)

Opening Prayer

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Gracious and merciful God,
You look with love upon a sinful people
and desire only their return to You.
We beg of You the grace to live this holy season,*

*to persevere in prayer, fasting, and alms-giving.
By the discipline of Lent purify our hearts of all pretension,
bring us back to You and make the whole Church ready
to celebrate the mysteries of Easter.
Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin:*

all: Amen.

Introduction to the first reading: *(Joel 2 : 12 – 18)*

leader: A call to return to God who is gracious and merciful.

Introduction to the second reading: *(2 Corinthians 5 : 20 – 6 : 2)*

leader: The acceptable time and the day of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

*all: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Matthew 6 : 1 – 6, 16 – 18)*

leader: About prayer fasting and alms-giving.

Homily Notes *(presider)*

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Invitation to Prayer

*leader: Friends in Christ, let us implore God our Father
to bless and sanctify these ashes,
which we place on our heads as a sign of repentance.
(All pray briefly in silence)*

Blessing of Ashes

*presider: Lord God, You are moved by humility
and grant pardon to those who repent.
Listen to our prayers and pour out + Your blessing
on those who are marked by these ashes,
that, observing the season of Lent,
they may come with hearts made clean
to celebrate the paschal mystery of Your Son.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

all: Amen.

(The ashes are sprinkled with holy water in silence.)

Giving of Ashes

presider: Repent, and be faithful to the gospel.

or

Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – Ash Wednesday [14th February 2024]

invitation to pray:

leader: Friends in Christ, we remember the prophet's call about our constant need to pray. Let us pray for our needs and the needs of our world:

1: For healing of the divisions within the human family:

- (pause) - God of Peace-makers, hear us:

*all: **God of Peace-makers, hear us.***

2: As we begin Lent, that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God and share our struggles and fears honestly:

- (pause) - Guide for the Perplexed, hear us:

*all: **Guide to the Perplexed , hear us.***

3: May we impose fasting on ourselves to conquer our arrogance and sensuality and become a better neighbour to others:

- (pause) - God of Humility, hear us:

*all: **God of Humility, hear us.***

4: For all who have experienced injustices. May we honestly recognise the past and support attitudes and measures to rectify injustices:

- (pause) - God of Justice, hear us:

*all: **God of Justice, hear us.***

5: We ask your help, O Healer of the sick, for:

(Maungaturoto) Trevor Briljevich, Lulu & Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec, . . .

(Mangawhai) Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Phillip Cotching, Petronella Brom & family, Lorna Boccock, Veronica Grigg, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Michael Sosinko, Roselle & Owen McGrane,

(Wellsford) Dallas Colville, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Lucille Jenneker, Gerard McCurran, Kiri Walton, Lagi Sands, Paul & Sandi Linton, . .

Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering:

- (pause) - Healer of the sick, hear us:

*all: **Healer of the sick, hear us.***

6: For those who have died: in the current conflicts in our world, . . .

for: Maree Cameron (Aust), Molly Murphy (Ireland), Brian Plunkett,

And for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mason Lyndsey, Mervyn O'Connor, Ron Cameron, Number them among Your saints:

- (pause) - God of Resurrection, hear us:

*all: **God of Resurrection, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

*leader: God of Tenderness and Mercy, we are reminded today that we are dust. Create in us a new heart put a new spirit into our lives. We ask this in the name of Your Servant and our brother, now and always: **Amen***

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord God,
as Lent begins we offer You this solemn sacrifice,
begging that through our works of charity and penance
we may turn away from sin and harmful pleasures
and unite ourselves more closely to the passion of Your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface

presider: The Lord be with you.

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*presider: It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give You thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You bid us show our thanks
through the practice of self-denial,
that we may curb our sinful pride
and, by sharing our bread with the hungry,
may imitate your generous love.
Now, with all the angels and saints,
we praise and magnify Your glory without end:*

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - Reconciliation I

Memorial Acclamation

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

either

leader: Let us pray for the coming of God's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

*leader: The Father has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart
as we say:*

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil;

*graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*all: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

*all: **Amen.***

presider: The peace of the Lord be with you:

*all: **And with your spirit.***

leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

Lamb of God

*all: **Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

*all: **Amen***

either

*presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of
the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

or

*presider: This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.
This is the cup of eternal life;
whoever drinks of it will live forever:*

*all: **Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof,***

but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

*presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:
(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)*

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord, may the sacrament
we have received in faith
sustain and strengthen us,
so that our Lenten fast may win favour in Your sight
and help to remedy our human weakness.
Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord:*

*all: **Amen.***

(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; in the name of God,
Powerful and Tender One,
whose prophetic Word calls us to a new future;
to spread an invitation to walk in life-giving ways.
We have taken on ourselves a sign of ashes,
that affirms that we are nothing if we are not God's people.
Through our communion in God's Word and Sacrament
and our involvement in our world
deepen our commitment to work for God's new world
until we gather again.*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, e te Tamaiti ✠ e te Wairua Tapu.*

*all: **Amene***

leader: The Mass has ended, go in peace.

*all: **Thanks be to God.***